



STATE OF MICHIGAN

GOVERNOR'S TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMISSION
LANSING

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MICHAEL L. PRINCE
CHAIR

Horatio S. Earle Learning Center
Tuesday, December 5, 2017
9:00 a.m.
MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT	REPRESENTING
F/Lt. Jim Flegel	Michigan Department of State Police (MSP)
Lawrence Hummel	Local Representative
Michael Prince (Chair)	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)
Carol Reagan	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Chief James Carmody	Local Representative
Tari Muniz	Aging and Adult Services Agency (AASA)
MEMBERS ABSENT	REPRESENTING
Jennifer Shea	Governor's Office
Kim Avery	Michigan Department of Transportation
Sheriff Matt Saxton	Local Representative
Kenneth Micklash	Michigan Department of Education (MDE)
Linda Scarpetta	Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)
STAFF SUPPORT	REPRESENTING
Kara Rueckert	Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP)

GUESTS	REPRESENTING
Mark Bott	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Brandon Cannon	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Robert Gwizdz	Michigan Department of State (MDOS)
Sgt. Tim Fitzgerald	Michigan State Police (MSP)
Steve Shaughnessy	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)
Angie Kremer	Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

CALL TO ORDER

The GTSAC meeting was called to order by Chair Michael Prince at 9:01 a.m. A quorum was present for today's meeting.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Mr. Prince welcomed everyone to today's meeting.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Hummel made a **MOTION** to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2017 GTSAC meeting, Chief Carmody supported, the **MOTION** carries.

STANDING REPORTS

Legislative Summary

Sgt. Tim Fitzgerald gave a brief update of current activity at the Capitol on items related to the GTSAC.

Two new public acts, Public Act 112-solicitation of contributions in public roadways by certain nonprofit organizations; Public Act 116-requirement of examination regarding existence of certain medical conditions affecting applicant's ability to operate vehicle safely.

Michael L. Prince, Chair, Office of Highway Safety Planning • Jennifer Shea, Governor's Office • Carol Reagan, Department of State • Kimberly Avery, Department of Transportation • Linda Scarpetta, Department of Health and Human Services • Kenneth Micklash, Department of Education • F/Lt. Jim Flegel, Department of State Police • Tari Muniz, Aging and Adult Services Agency • Lawrence E. Hummel, Local Representative • Chief James Carmody, Local Representative • Sheriff Matt Saxton, Local Representative

HB 4901 would be a huge step forward for CPS and would bring state law up to best practice standards; penalty is civil infraction that is wave-able; if cited, must contact and CPS technician for instruction and then have ticket waved.

HB 4840 school zone speed limit does not current apply if pedestrian overpass; bill would make it so the school zone speed limit would still apply to these areas

HB 4944 wreckers added to the language; requires driver to drop speed to half of what speed they are driving—how to enforce?

HB 4466 move to completely hands-free

HB 5049 another hands-free bill; cause death = 5 year felony; cause injury = 1 year misdemeanor; more specific in describing the devices

Expects OPED items will take all week (opened this morning at 8:15); both houses open

Marijuana issues—trying to tighten up regulatory structure already in place; legal framework would have to be changed again if the signatures come through

Commissioner Reports

Michigan Department of State - Carol Reagan

New Law Enforcement Request for Driver Evaluation (eOC-88)

With the support and assistance from Lt. Flegel, MSP; Mason County Sheriff Kim Cole; Meridian Township Assistant Chief Ken Plaga, and Linda Fech, OHSP, the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) has launched a New Law Enforcement Request for Driver Evaluation (eOC-88) form. This form is completed and submitted to the SOS Traffic Safety Division to request a review of an individual's driving skills. The new form is internet-based and provides a simplified method of submission. Currently these forms must be faxed, mailed, or scanned and emailed. The new form is completed on-line and submitted via a button at the bottom of the screen. The electronic version also includes check boxes for observed behaviors and the ability to attach supporting documentation such as a UD-10 or incident report. The eOC-88 can be found at www.michigan.gov/DriverEval. MDOS is working to notify jurisdictions of its availability being careful that it is promoted to law enforcement audiences since an on-line option is not yet available to other submitters.

Parental Involvement Program

The Michigan Department of State and the Office of Highway Safety Planning are jointly funding a 3-year project to develop, implement and evaluate a Pilot Parental Involvement in Graduated Driver Licensing and Driver Education. A RFP was posted in November with a deadline of November 30. One bid was received and is being evaluated. We are working to have a contract in place in January. Opportunities are available for other organizations to sponsor specific project deliverables, such as class materials, participant incentives, or the evaluation study. Any organizations or individuals who are interested in sponsorship opportunities should contact Carol Reagan at Reaganc@Michigan.gov for further details.

Older Driver Safety Awareness Week December 4-8, 2017

The fastest growing segment of Michigan's population is residents age 65 and older. Currently about 1-in-7 drivers is age 65 or older. Experts predict that number will rise to 1-in-5 drivers by the year 2025. Via a request from the Safe Driver Smart Options Operating Committee and Communications Subcommittee, Governor Rick Snyder proclaimed the first week of December as Older Driver Safety Awareness Week in Michigan. During this week the SDO member organizations promoted the Safe Drivers Smart Options website at Michigan.gov/agingdriver to bring more awareness to the resources available to aging drivers, their families, and professionals such as law enforcement and health care.

The website includes self-assessment driving tools, videos, links to driver refresher courses and other community supports for aging drivers, information about how medications and health problems may affect driving and lists of resources available to drivers once they stop driving. Its three primary goals are to 1) Help aging drivers continue to drive safely, 2) Help aging drivers who are no longer able to drive safely transition to non-driving, and 3) Provide community resources and mobility options for those no longer driving.

MI-REP State/Federal Grants

With regard to the Michigan Rider Education Program...

- 13 Public sponsors will receive nearly \$1.35 million in state grant funds for the FY18 rider training season.
- Approximately 12,000 students are projected to be trained combining all 33 public and private motorcycle training sponsors.
- 4 Public sponsors were approved to receive nearly \$70,000 in federal grant funds through OHSP for the FY18 rider training season for advance rider courses and Rider Coach Prep. (SC, GRCC, Otsego, WCC)
- 4 Public sponsors will be recipients of nearly \$64,000 in federal grant funds to purchase 8 new training motorcycles in FY18 (Delta 3, Lenawee 2, NMU 2, School Craft 1)

Three-wheel (3W) Rider Training/Can-Am Pilot Program

Since 2007, tens of thousands of people have chosen to purchase/ride a Can-Am Spyder, BRP's first-ever on-road vehicle with a Y-frame design and 3-wheels. The demand for training to ride these new vehicles is growing Nationwide and Can-Am recognized a hole in the training community to meet the needs of this growing demand. They have developed a pilot 3-wheel training program and are bringing it to Michigan in the Detroit Metro and Grand Rapids regions where the bulk of the riders are.

Rider Coaches at Schoolcraft and Grand Rapids Community Colleges and are being trained/certified to deliver the new updated 3-Wheel Basic Rider Course curriculum so that they can pilot it at their sites. Can-Am will also loan each site with up to 6 brand new Can-Am Spyders for the students to use during the training.

SOSLive Event

The Department of State held the first SOSLive event at Waterford Mott High School on Saturday, October 7. The event had hands-on activities related to the SOS office and its services such as Elections, Notary, Ignition Interlock, Fraud detection and prevention, Traffic Safety, Employment with the SOS, as well as driver and vehicle transactions via a mobile branch office. With regard to traffic safety, we had separate exhibits for teen drivers, aging drivers and motorcycles. A number of organizations whose services align to the SOS office also participated. The event was a success, with approximately 350 people attending. More events are being considered for the future.

Staff Changes

Brandon Cannon, a new member of the Traffic Safety Section, was introduced during the meeting. He started on September 25 to support the Department of State motorcycle safety program and aging driver initiatives.

Local Representative – Chief James Carmody

As the move toward electronic registrations continues, so do problems for officers on the street with handling cell phones (privacy issues, dropping phones, etc.)

Problems also continue to grow when it comes to marijuana use; there are more robberies because this is a cash business. There is discussion on how the changes in laws and medical marijuana act will change with time.

Aging and Adults Services Agency – Tari Muniz

AASA is happy to share the information about Older Driver Awareness Week through our social media, website, and newsletters.

One of the Area Agencies on Aging in the Thumb area now has two wheel chair accessible vans available to take older adults to medical appointments and other business appointments. They will take them across county lines. They hope to expand the destinations they can provide rides to in the future.

Non-emergency Medical Transportation was added as a MI Choice Medicaid waiver service. This is making a huge impact for waiver recipients to get to their medical appointments. This offered in every county except Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb. It uses a network of MDHHS volunteer drivers, commercial and nonprofit agencies and family and friends of a beneficiary to provide transportation to approved Medicaid services.

AASA continues to serve on the Senior Mobility workgroup and The Safe Driver Smart Options operating committee and communication committee. We distribute the Michigan's Guide for Aging Drivers and Their Families and the SDSO bookmarks throughout the aging network.

For more information contact munizt@michigan.gov or 517-284-0175.

Michigan Department of State Police – F/Lt. Jim Flegel

Training Academy

- 133rd Trooper Recruit graduated on November 30, 2017, with 127 recruits
- 22nd Motor Carrier Recruit School started with 14 recruits on Aug. 13, 2017. Down to 8 recruits and scheduled to graduate Dec. 21.

Traffic Safety Initiatives (4 Operation CARE throughout summer)

- Thanksgiving Operation C.A.R.E. (Crash Awareness and Reduction Efforts) ran in conjunction with the national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign. Over 150 law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan participated in this traffic safety campaign over the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend.
 - Over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, the fatal crashes remained the same as last year. 10 people lost their lives over the weekend in 10 separate crashes. Last year, 10 people lost their lives in 10 separate crashes.
 - Operation C.A.R.E. has one more traffic safety initiative this year: Lifesaver weekend (weekend prior to Christmas)
- The 6-State Trooper Project: 5 campaigns over summer
 - Ran from September 21—September 24. Focus of initiative was on criminal patrol/drug interdiction and eradication. Included the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Ohio State Highway patrol, Pennsylvania State Police, and the West Virginia State Police.
 - Still have one traffic safety initiatives to complete in the months of December, which will focus on Operating While Impaired on alcohol and drugs
- CVED—Completing Multi-State Commercial Vehicle Enforcement initiative called “Eyes on 94” Working with Indiana State Police, Illinois State Police and Ohio Highway Patrol to have a high visibility enforcement to reduce commercial vehicle crashes along the I-94 corridor. This traffic safety initiative is a part of the Drive to Zero campaign.
- Have been giving presentations on the Epidemic of Distracted Driving

MSP Strategic Plan

- As part of our on-going departmental Strategic Plan to combat fatal traffic crashes, each post has developed specific traffic safety initiatives per county, utilizing 2016 data. The plans are going to be tracked quarterly by State Services Bureau and Field Services Bureau.
- Some of the traffic safety initiatives include focusing on distracted driving, impaired driving, occupant restraints, and speeding. Basically, any type of dangerous driving behavior

Winter Driving

- Going to be working in conjunction with MDOT on a winter driving awareness presentation
- This will be an effort to educate the public about the dangers of driving during inclement weather and reducing the chances of being involved in a crash by being prepared, not surprised.

Oral Fluid Roadside Analysis Pilot Program

- Pilot program began on November 8th.
- 27 Drug recognition experts in 5 counties are now participating in the program.
- Counties are Berrien, Delta, Kent, Washtenaw and St. Clair
- Test instrument selected was the Alere DDS2
- So far there have been successful tests with the oral fluid test instrument.
- A report will be completed at the end of the one year pilot program on the findings.

Partnered with CMU Athletics on a Drunk Drugged and Distracted Driving awareness public service announcement.

Local Representative – Larry Hummel

Local Agencies across Michigan have been preparing for Winter over the last month. The CRA and many individual road agencies have been sharing tips with the motoring public regarding how to prepare for winter weather conditions, driving tips and overall safety regarding maintenance equipment.

Looking to schedule the next SC/SW TSN meeting after the first of the year. Likely will be a February date. Keep an eye out for a notice as we get closer.

Discussed pending bills in the House and the Senate, respectively, regarding broadband infrastructure and use of highway right-of-ways. There is great concern across the State regarding the restrictions being proposed on road agencies in the administration and regulation of the highway right-of-way. Many of the installation requests are for very large poles and other infrastructure that pose a potential hazardous condition for the motoring public.

With increased MTF revenues now coming in across the State road agencies are restarting programs to address issues of trees, encroachments, pavement surface condition, etc. that poses an ever increasing safety concern. The long term maintenance needs that have gone unfunded are being addressed in coordination with projects and as coordinated efforts across jurisdictions.

Michigan Department of Transportation – Mark Bott (on behalf of Kim Avery)

New US-23 Flex Route traffic system to be used for the first time in Michigan

- As part of a major road and bridge improvement project on US-23, a new innovative traffic system called the Flex Route will soon be in operation.
- The Flex Route system uses upgraded median shoulders to better manage congestion and increase safety. The project will be in use on US-23 between M-14 and M-36.
- Information on how to drive the Flex Route can be found on the project website at www.flexroute23.com.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) has announced a new traffic management system called the Flex Route that will soon be in operation on US-23, just north of Ann Arbor.

The Flex Route is a lane control system comprised of overhead signs, cameras, and electronic message boards. The new system opens the inside median shoulder to traffic during peak periods, such as morning and afternoon rush hours, and during special events and incidents when traffic volumes are heavier. A green arrow on the overhead signs will indicate when the median shoulder is safely available for use. A red X will indicate when the shoulder is closed and not for use as an additional lane. The system will be maintained around-the-clock by MDOT's Statewide Operations Center (STOC) based in Lansing.

The Flex Route is part of a \$92 million investment along the corridor that included replacing bridges at 6 Mile Road, 8 Mile Road, and N. Territorial Road, repairing bridges at four other locations, extending and upgrading ramps, repairing pavement between M-14 and Silver Lake Road, and expanding Intelligent Transportation Services (ITS) technology.

During incidents, motorists can see up to a 50 percent savings in travel time when the Flex Route is open and operating. Having the Flex Route in operation is also expected to reduce the number of secondary crashes, thus further increasing safety.

Michigan incident response program honored with prestigious national roadway safety award

- MDOT received national honors today in a ceremony on Capitol Hill for the success of its "Expedited Towing and Enhanced Incident Response" program.
- The program has yielded a 31 percent reduction in tow truck response times and a 45 percent reduction in secondary crashes.
- The Traffic Incident Management team include representatives from MDOT, Grand Rapids Police & Fire Departments, Michigan State Police, Kent County Road Commission, and the City of Grand Rapids.

Roadway safety has improved in the Grand Rapids area thanks to innovation and partnerships. The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) teamed up with emergency personnel in response to an increase in vehicles striking fire department trucks that were being used to block crash scenes. The new strategies for shielding and clearing crash scenes include a crash-attenuator truck and expedited towing. Crash attenuators, also known as crash cushions, are devices intended to reduce the damage to structures, vehicles, and motorists resulting from a motor vehicle collision. Impact attenuators are designed to absorb the colliding vehicle's kinetic energy and are much less expensive to fix and replace when compared to a fire truck. This led to a 31 percent reduction in tow truck response times and a 45 percent reduction in secondary crashes.

The National Roadway Safety Award is a biannual awards program sponsored jointly by the Roadway Safety Foundation (RSF) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

"These awards recognize real and innovative solutions to some of the nation's biggest safety challenges," said Federal Highway Administrator Brandye L. Hendrickson. "We commend Michigan for its efforts in saving lives and reducing injuries on our nation's roads, and invite others across the country to put such life-saving solutions to work."

TZD

MDOT has just completed its annual Safety Call for Projects. To meet MDOT's safety goal of reducing fatalities and serious injuries on the state trunkline system in support of the SHSP the strategy of the Safety Program is to select cost-effective safety improvements to address locations with correctable fatality (K) and serious injury (A) crashes. Locations identified shall support the key focus areas of the SHSP.

For the FY 2019 - 2023 program, the regions submitted 87 projects, of which 30 were low cost safety improvements. The 57 projects, based on an existing crash pattern, will address the following crash severity and SHSP focus areas:

Severity Addressed	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	Total
Fatalities	19	7	14	14	10	62
Serious Injuries	76	36	47	18	44	227
Total	95	43	61	32	54	285

SHSP Focus Area	Number of Projects
Intersection Safety	40

Lane Departure	39
Pedestrian Safety	7
Driver Behavior	1
EMS	0
Total	87

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Linda Scarpetta (absent with notice, sent report)

Motor Vehicle Heat Stroke Deaths: While the year isn't over, Michigan has had NO deaths to date from vehicle-related heat stroke this year. Nationally, we are at 42 deaths.

Child passenger safety resources that are being promoted by our Michigan Safe Kids Coalitions:

- Child ID Sticker – This is a sticker that goes on the booster or child/infant car seat to immediately notify first responders of emergency contact information for the child in the event of a crash. Our Michigan State Police Troopers and emergency responders are being trained to look for this. Children don't typically travel with ID or contact information, and aren't always traveling with a parent – this helps responders reunite the child with an appropriate adult after an incident as quickly as possible. Families can request one for free from this catalogue: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/msp/2014MaterialsCatalog_460159_7.pdf.
- Car Seat Selection APP - Safe Kids Worldwide has developed a free APP to guide parents in the car seat selection process, help connect them with someone who can make sure their car seat/booster seat is installed correctly, etc. The Ultimate Car Seat Guide can be accessed at: <https://www.safekids.org/ultimate-car-seat-guide/>.

Chair's report / Office of Highway Safety Planning - Michael Prince

2017 Traffic Fatalities/Injuries: According to information from the Michigan State Police Criminal Justice Information Center, 874 people died on Michigan roadways as of November 28, 2017. Compared to last year, there are 29 fewer fatalities. In this same timeframe, there have been 5,383 A/serious injuries, up 566 from the previous year.

OHSP Position Vacancies: OHSP is in the process of backfilling vacancies, including a secretarial position and two communications representatives within the Communications Section.

Traffic Enforcement Campaigns: A statewide drunk driving crackdown began Nov. 22 with a media event in Grand Rapids and runs through Dec. 10. The OHSP is dedicating an estimated \$660,000 to stepped-up enforcement and \$275,000 toward paid advertising across the state.

DRE Program: There were 37 applications for 20 spots in the 2018 Drug Recognition Expert school that will take place Jan. 22-Feb. 2 with the field certification Feb. 26-March 2. An additional 6-8 prosecutors will also attend the classroom DRE training.

Strive For a Saver Drive: A record number of high schools – 59 - have submitted applications for the Strive for a Safer Drive program. Schools agree to conduct peer-to-peer traffic safety activities then submit a report of their accomplishments. Students are then eligible to participate in a hands-on driving event sponsored by Ford Driving Skills for Life.

MADD Lifesaver Awards: The MADD Lifesavers Award Luncheon was held on September 29. Two agencies were honored as outstanding agencies; 18 officers, deputies, and troopers were recognized; and Ofcr. Wes Evans of the Grand Blanc Township Police Department received the Olivia Cleveland Award.

Special Legislative Grant for Child Passenger Safety: OHSP has been notified that we are being awarded a special Legislative grant in FY18 in the amount of \$300,000 from the MEDC specifically for child passenger safety public information and education. This is connected to a legislative proposal to amend the current child passenger safety law.

Pedestrian/Bike Safety: Six law enforcement agencies have indicated interest in participating in a pedestrian/bicycle enforcement project under federal funding earmarked for programs that promote awareness and enforcement of traffic laws pertaining to these vulnerable roadway users. Agencies were invited based on the top-ranked cities for ped/bike fatal and serious injuries.

A Ped/Bike assessment will take place Feb. 26-March 2, 2018, in East Lansing that will involve a team of national experts who will make recommendations for strengthening activities and programming in these areas.

Action team Updates – Carissa McQuiston

Finishing up 2017 meetings; 2018 meetings schedule available online; hoping to have chairs meeting early 2018

Traffic Safety Engineering

Joint meetings to bring teams together; 2018 looking to integrate the highway safety manual

Ped/Bike

Providing feedback regarding assessment on speakers

Young Drivers

Forming a data subcommittee to determine how to use data

Traffic Records

Data integration project just started; UMTRI will have more program area maps to be added in 2018; CLIP 2.0 crash location improvement project; aviation unit and MSP reconstructions to bring info to them to improve timeliness and accuracy

APPROVAL OF THE GTSAC AWARDS SELECTIONS

Mark Bott reminded attendees and commissioners that TZD shirts are available for purchase.

Carissa McQuiston said the Rolling Forward Bicycle Conference will be June 1-2, 2018 in Grand Rapids.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Gary Bubar – AAA Michigan. Gary discussed the AAA Traffic Safety Grant program which provides equipment for first responders where needed. Contact him for application and information.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at the Horatio S. Earle Learning Center.
